

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

C. A. Stricklin, Formerly of Columbia, S. C., Now of Asheville, Admits That He Has Two Wives. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Dec. 9.—C. A. Stricklin, formerly of Columbia, S. C., but for some time a resident of Asheville, conducting a small restaurant establishment in this city, is in jail here charged with bigamy.

He said that he was married to a lady who resided in Columbia, S. C.; that after being married to her for several years he learned that she had been married before, and, figuring the thing out by the time she was taken to court, he concluded that if Mrs. Stricklin had a right to marry twice he did, too, and, so, some time afterward, he liked off to Asheville and was married here on November 22, 1906, some three weeks ago, to Mrs. E. Madden.

Special to The Observer. In a letter to the county officers Mrs. Stricklin No. 1 says that she had always been true to her husband and that he had threatened to do her bodily harm if she kicked over the mat.

Special to The Observer. The license for the marriage of C. A. Stricklin and Mrs. E. Madden was issued on November 22. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate M. A. Creasman.

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Special to The Observer. One of the objects of his visit to Charlotte is to inspect the latest improved cotton mill machinery with a view to making purchases for his mills. The senator does not speak English fluently, but he manages to make himself understood, and he has many interesting things to tell about his country. He is accompanied by his wife.

Special to The Observer. There was published in The Observer by Prof. R. A. Foard, a complimentary reference to my school, which I appreciate very much. He made one mistake, however, which I will correct, as a good many others have not seemed to understand it, and have asked me about it. He said the school was under the control of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. That is a mistake. The school is non-sectarian. I am satisfied that a school of this sort for a number of reasons should be free from sectarianism. I myself am a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. According to the rules of the Methodist Church the bishop did not have the right to appoint me to the school unless it were under the control of the Methodist Church. But the Conference by vote may request the bishop to do it, and then he can. That was done in my case, and it is quite frequently done in more or less similar cases. This action was taken because it was necessary, unless I wanted to sever my connection with the Conference, and be what is called simply a local preacher, which I did not care to do. For the rule, in this every effective member of the Conference must be appointed to some work. I make this explanation because I find that a good many do not understand it, and really want to know how it is. J. A. BALDWIN.

Special to The Observer. Lee Grier, Charlotte Negro, Shoots Morris Parks, of Winston-Salem—Negro Escapes From Chain Gang—Salem Loses Shot.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—Morris Parks, 18 years old, and colored, was accidentally shot by Lee Grier, another negro, in Winkler's Cafe this afternoon. The pistol, which was of 32-calibre, was the property of a clerk in the cafe. The bullet entered the right shoulder, making a serious wound. Grier, who came here about two weeks ago from Charlotte, was arrested, but later released. Parks was taken to his home, and attended by a physician.

Special to The Observer. Will Adams, a negro convict, who was serving a two years' term on the county roads, escaped last evening a few miles west of the city. Officers have been on the search all day, but have found no trace.

Special to The Observer. Superior Court adjourned last night. It awarded J. J. Chandler \$100 damages for injuries sustained in falling over a pile of bricks in Salem. He sued Salem for \$2,000.

Special to The Observer. Better Pay for Teachers. Durham, N. C. The press of Virginia is solidly for the proposition that the public school teachers of that State should be paid for their work. The public school teachers of North Carolina should also receive better pay for their services.

Special to The Observer. LONO TENNESSEE FIGHT. For twenty years, L. H. Davis, of Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The sweating and sneezing made my eyes sore and my nose ran. I tried Buckler's America Salve to the surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return. Best salve in existence."—L. H. Davis, Tenn.

Special to The Observer. HIGHER PRICES TO DISPENSERS. Increase Not Allowed in the Consumers' Price List—Senator Christensen Makes Charges and Clerk of the Dispensary Board Explains the Situation.

Special to The Observer. Senator Christensen, of the dispensary investigating committee, has elaborated upon the fact brought out in his newspaper published at Danville, that the State board of dispensary directors has their new price list announced as effective the 1st of December has made a material raise in the prices of the principal goods to the dispensers without making corresponding raises to the consumers.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

Name day: Judith. Sun rises at 7:23; sets at 4:37. 1672.—A monthly post established from New York to Boston. 1681.—The British factor, Captain Drew, arrived at Chester, on the Delaware river, from England, with a settlement for Pennsylvania. They remained there all winter. 1697.—The population of New France, exclusive of Acadie, was 8,815, and could arm about 1,000 men. 1804.—New York Historical Society instituted. 1806.—James Sullivan, Governor of Massachusetts, died. He rose to great usefulness unaided by opulence or family connections. 1812.—The United States troops under General McClure, burned Newark, adjoining Port George, destroyed that fort, removed the public stores and retired to the south side of the Niagara river. 1817.—Mississippi admitted into the Union as a State. 1833.—The House of Assembly in Jamaica passed a bill for the abolition of slavery. 1838.—The fortresses of San Antonio surrendered by the Mexicans to the Texans under Colonel Milan; the captors found 1,900 rounds of powder and ball, 24 pieces of cannon and a large amount of military stores. 1842.—Pleasant Henderson, a soldier of the Revolution from North Carolina, died in Tennessee. He was a companion of Daniel Boone in many of his wanderings and was for more than 30 years a clerk of the North Carolina House of Commons. 1854.—The political sentiment of the Union was in a state of transition, the drift being towards political parties for or against making a treaty with Mexico. 1855.—The Emperor Maximilian left Port-au-Prince with 20,000 men to subjugate the Dominican republic; his forces were completely routed and dispersed. 1868.—President Juarez, of Mexico, received U. S. Minister, Roosevelt. The rebels in Tamaulipas offered to surrender to Escobedo, but their terms were refused. The Mexican Congress ratified the treaty with the United States for the settlement of the claims in both countries, and also for the recognition of the rights of naturalized citizens. 1874.—King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands, in Chicago en route to Washington, D. C., to perfect a commercial treaty. 1902.—Mobs in Caracas attacked the British and German consulates; British and German holdings placed under embargo by Castro; marines from the combined fleets landed to protect foreign property. 1906.—Commissioner General Sargent, of Immigration Bureau, said in annual report that influx of aliens into America is nation's gravest problem.

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NEGRE SHOOTING SCRAPE.

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